



# **THE NAVY INVITES YOU TO AN OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE EA-18G GROWLER AIRFIELD OPERATIONS AT NAVAL AIR STATION WHIDBEY ISLAND**

**THE NAVY PUBLISHED A NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO PREPARE AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)** for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington and to announce Public Scoping Meetings in the Federal Register on September 5, 2013. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with ongoing and future EA-18G Growler operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville. In addition, the EIS will evaluate the proposed introduction of two additional Growler expeditionary squadrons and the addition of aircraft to the training squadron.

**THE NAVY IS HOLDING THREE OPEN HOUSE SCOPING MEETINGS** to provide members of the public with the opportunity to review project-related information, ask questions of Navy representatives, and submit comments on the scope of analysis and content to be addressed in the EIS. Each of the information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by Navy representatives. Members of the public can arrive at the open house scoping meetings anytime between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., on one of the following dates and locations:

**Tuesday, December 3, 2013  
Coupeville, Washington**

Coupeville High School  
Commons Areas  
501 South Main Street  
Coupeville, WA 98239

**Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Oak Harbor, Washington**

Oak Harbor High School  
Student Union Building  
1 Wildcat Way  
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

**Thursday, December 5, 2013  
Anacortes, Washington**

Anacortes Middle School Cafeteria  
2202 M Avenue  
Anacortes, WA 98221

The public scoping materials are available for review at <http://www.whidbeyeis.com>

**THE NAVY IS REQUESTING AND WELCOMES PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The public comment period for the EIS was initiated with the publication in of the NOI in the Federal Register. Comments may be submitted during the expanded 120-day public comment period between September 5, 2013 and January 3, 2014. Written and oral comments may be submitted at the scoping meetings. Written comments may also be submitted online at the project website or mailed to:

**EA-18G EIS Project Manager**

**Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, Attn: Code EV21/SS**  
6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508

All comments must be postmarked or received online no later than January 3, 2014.